

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A cargo bucket system comprising:

a frame hingedly attached to the rear corner posts of a vehicle;

a cargo bucket pivotally attached to said frame;

5 a locking mechanism for securing said frame in an upright position to said rear corner posts; and,

a handle for pivoting said cargo bucket.

2. The cargo bucket system of claim 1 further comprising:

10 a pivot bolt attaching said cargo bucket to said frame; and

spacers between said frame and said cargo bucket.

3. The cargo bucket system of claim 2 wherein said spacers include ball bearings.

15 4. The cargo bucket system of claim 2 wherein said handle includes a bucket lock mechanism for locking said cargo bucket in various positions.

5. The cargo bucket system of claim 4 wherein said spacers include gears for  
20 reducing the amount of force required to pivot said cargo bucket.

6. A cargo bucket system comprising:

an adjustable frame hingedly attached to the rear corner posts of a vehicle wherein the width of said adjustable frame may be varied;

25 a cargo bucket pivotally attached to said frame;

a locking mechanism for securing said adjustable frame in an upright position to said rear corner posts;

a handle for pivoting said cargo bucket wherein said handle includes a bucket lock mechanism for locking said cargo bucket in various positions;

30 a pivot bolt attaching said cargo bucket to said frame; and

spacers between said frame and said cargo bucket.

7. The cargo bucket system of claim 6 wherein said adjustable frame includes a right bar, a left bar, and an adjusting rod.

8. The cargo bucket system of claim 6 further including a load support bracket  
5 for supporting said cargo bucket.

9. The cargo bucket system of claim 8 wherein said load support bracket is detachable.

10. The cargo bucket system of claim 6 wherein said spacers include gears for  
10 reducing the amount of force required to pivot said cargo bucket.

11. A cargo bucket system comprising:  
a frame attached to the rear hitch of a vehicle;  
15 a cargo bucket pivotally attached to said frame;  
a handle for pivoting said cargo bucket wherein said handle includes a bucket lock  
mechanism for locking said cargo bucket in various positions;  
a pivot bolt attaching said cargo bucket to said frame; and  
spacers between said frame and said cargo bucket.

12. The cargo bucket system of claim 10 wherein said frame includes a right bar,  
20 a left bar and a hitch attachment.

13. The cargo bucket system of claim 11 further including a load support bracket  
25 for supporting said cargo bucket.

14. The cargo bucket system of claim 10 wherein said spacers include gears for  
reducing the amount of force required to pivot said cargo bucket.

15. A cargo bucket system comprising:  
30 a trailer including a hitch, a frame and at least two wheels;

a bucket frame removably attached to said trailer;  
a cargo bucket pivotally attached to said bucket frame;  
a handle for pivoting said cargo bucket wherein said handle includes a bucket lock  
mechanism for locking said cargo bucket in various positions;  
5 a pivot bolt attaching said cargo bucket to said frame; and  
spacers between said frame and said cargo bucket.

16. 18. The cargo bucket system of claim 17 wherein said bucket frame includes a  
right bar, a left bar, and an adjusting rod.

17. 19. The cargo bucket system of claim 18 wherein said spacers include gears for  
reducing the amount of force required to pivot said cargo bucket.

18. 20. The cargo bucket system of claim 17 wherein said bucket frame includes  
15 detachable handles.